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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Joint Briefing of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee and the Senate Space Committee

1. On this date Mr. Max Lehrer of the Senate Space Committee staff called and said that he would like to review arrangements for the Director's briefing of the Space and Preparedness groups on Wednesday, 4 February at 2:30 P.M. The hearings will be conducted in room 212 of the Senate Office Building (the Armed Services Committee hearing room). (I indicated to Mr. Lehrer that I was not aware that a firm date had been set for the briefing but that I would check on this and other points which he raised.) Mr. Lehrer said that naturally the Senators were concerned about "the confusion on an agreed intelligence position" on the subject of US vs. USSR missile and rocket programs. He said that Defense is using what it terms "agreed intelligence" which is markedly different from our (CIA's) last intelligence estimates.

2. Mr. Lehrer said he was interested in obtaining a background paper which could be placed in a briefing book for the benefit of the Senators prior to the Director's presentation. He felt that this paper should describe in considerable detail how intelligence estimates are made and who participates in their formulation. It should also contain a reasonably good summary of the composition of the intelligence community. He is interested in what material is sent to the National Security Council and who prepares it. He said the paper should indicate how the estimates are put together and whether the content of the estimates is determined by unanimous agreement, majority vote or some other means. He also indicated interest in the Net Evaluation Committee.

3. I discussed my conversations with Mr. Lehrer with the Director who indicated that he saw no point in preparing a briefing paper for the benefit of the Senators since he intended to cover the subject of estimates in his oral statement. He indicated further, however, that he had no objection to our providing members of the Committee staff with background information in advance of his briefing.

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4. Mr. Houston talked with General Truscott on this subject. Mr. Houston was concerned about the sensitivity of the Net Evaluation Committee. Following their conversation, Mr. Houston suggested that I call Mr. Lehrer and indicate the Director's preference of providing this information for the members of the Committee in his verbal presentation inasmuch as any written material on the subject would be lengthy and somewhat confusing to the uninformed individual. However, he suggested that I indicate to Mr. Lehrer that Mr. Houston or Mr. Warner would be pleased to give the Committee staff a background briefing on intelligence estimates and the structure of the intelligence community prior to the Director's appearance on Wednesday.

5. Mr. Lehrer was advised to this effect. While he was pleased that the Director would be covering these areas in his presentation to the group, he still felt that some graphic or summary material on the structure of the intelligence community and the preparation of estimates would be helpful to the Senators.

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